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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT   : Inspector General's Survey of the Office of
                     Medical Services

REFERENCE   : (a) Memo dtd 23 Dec 68 to DD/S frm Ex.Dir.-Compt.
                         same subject

                   (b) Memo dtd 2 Dec 68 to Ex.Dir.-Compt. frm DD/S
                         same subject

1.   This memorandum is for your information.

2.   References contained our request, and your approval, to defer our answer on Recommendation No. 7a of the Inspector General's survey until 7 February 1969.

3.   Recommendation No. 7a read:

"It is recommended that the Director of Medical Services:

    a.   Establish a Medical Services Division to consist of the existing Psychiatric Staff and Clinical Division, each of which is to be designated as a separate branch within the Division."

Comment

    The Office of Medical Services has now completed their review of possible organizational changes and has advised that they can see advantages in joining the Clinical and Psychiatric activities into one component. However, it is believed that broader opportunities for service exist in continuing to maintain the Psychiatric Staff as a separate entity. The Psychiatric Staff was established 15 years ago as a separate entity even though at that time traditional medicine would have tended to join Psychiatric and Clinical activities together. The separateness provided was an expression of the significance of psychiatry to this Agency and a promise of services beyond the classical therapeutic approach.

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The Director of Medical Services would like to achieve the advantages of processing presumed by the Inspector General's recommendation; he considers that this can be done without joining the Psychiatric and Clinical activities together.

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